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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION FORWARDING FORMAL DRAWINGS**

This Communication is submitted in response to the Notice Regarding Drawings issued February 28, 2005 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 28, 2005 Notice is due April 28, 2005. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In a Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-892), included with the February 28, 2005 Notice Regarding Drawings, the Draftsperson objected under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(e) to Figures 1-42 on the ground that erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds and copy machine marks are not accepted.

In response, applicants attach hereto as **Exhibit A** a set of sixty-five (65) replacement sheets of formal drawings for Figures

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1A to 42C which are free of erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds and copy machine marks. Applicants note that none of the content of any Figure has been changed, and thus the replacement drawings raise no issue of new matter.

The Draftsperson also objected under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(l) and §1.84(m) to Figures 18 and 19 on the grounds that lines, numbers and letters are not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable and black (poor line quality), and that solid black shading is not permitted.

In response, applicants note that in the replacement drawings for Figures 18 and 19 included in **Exhibit A**, all lines, numbers and letters are uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable and black, and that no solid black shading is used.

The Draftsperson also objected under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(u) to Figure 1C on the ground that the view was not consecutively numbered and in Arabic numerals.

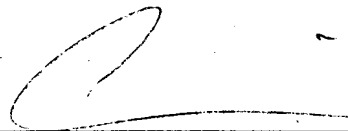
In response, applicants note that the replacement drawing for Figure 1C has been consecutively numbered as "Figure 1C".

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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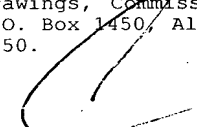
No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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